



## Richmond Road Runners Club - Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2023

### Opening remarks, ground rules and welcome guests – Rainey Niklawski, President

1. *Gather your thoughts about the race calendar for next year because it will be discussed during October's meeting.*

### Approval of August, 2023 meeting minutes - Victoria Hauser, Secretary

1. *Motion by Ben and seconded by Donnie; Minutes were approved.*

### New Business Discussions

1. Final Summer Outing report for 2023 (Mike Levins)

After a so-so weather day, almost 100 RRRC members enjoyed an almost perfect August evening at the Diamond. With a Flying Squirrels victory and post-game fireworks, everyone got their money's worth.

### Financial Reports – Leigh Anne Stacklin, Treasurer

1. *Leigh Anne is working on Google forms for reimbursement requests and other requests for the future to streamline the process.*

### Communications - Anne Magee, VP of Communications

1. *We have a possible sponsor for the T-Rex run. She will discuss with Donnie.*
2. *Shawn and Anne are looking to replenish the RRRC store at Lucky Road. If you want a particular item made, let Anne know your idea.*
3. *New Miles and Minutes is out!*

### Miles & Minutes – Annie Tobey/Anne Magee

The final 2023 issue has been printed, distributed, and posted on the website. Extra copies were printed for handing out at the marathon expo. Many thanks to those who contributed, especially Kirk Millikan's colorful description of running the London Marathon as a lumberjack in his attempt to set a Guinness record. (Did he succeed? Read the magazine to find out!)

### Social Media – Chris Mason

*We've had success with posting about Keira D'Amato. If you have any information for races or volunteering that you would like posted on social, let Chris know. Anne asked Chris to look at posting something about new merch ideas. Marcy asked to post something about the Cap Trail race in October.*

### Operations – Shawn Lafland, VP of Operations

## **Review of Races**

Ashland Half & 5k - (August 26) (Michael George): *The race was a major success. There were 140 more people than last year and the 5K sold out. There were 692 first-time participants in the races. Females made up 53% of the participants. Harrison Toney ran the 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time for the race ever (after his 2021 record).*

## **Preview of upcoming Races**

Twilight 5k (November 19) (Andrew Mann)

Turkey Trot (November 23) (Ben Wachter): *Ben is working on shirt designs and a t-shirt reveal on social media. He will be cutting off t-shirt sales on November 1<sup>st</sup> to get them in time. Ben is also working with Henrico County on a course that goes slightly out of the park. Allison will help Ben with RunSignup. Finally, he is working on getting sponsors (Wegman's and Final Gravity) for the race.*

Candy Cane 5k (December 10) (Kirk Millikan): *Kirk heard back from Girls on the Run and they will not be partnering with the race (they may be able to partner with the Twilight 5K). Kirk would like feedback about having the race as there are pros (last year, there were 180 runners) and cons to having it (it is two weeks after Turkey Trot in the same place). The plan for now is to have the race, but it will be reevaluated in the future.*

Contract Races: *Dominion Energy Charity Classic and Give a Dog a Job are coming up. There will most likely be some other races/contracts that are coming up next month as well.*

## **Training Teams**

Winter Marathon Training Team (December - March): *30 people are signed up for the team so far.*

**Operations Manager/Administrator/RunSignup Coordinator**– Allison May, Shawn Lafland

**Volunteer Needs** - Katherine Zampolin

*We could use a couple more finish line volunteers for the Dominion Energy Charity Classic and the Give a Dog a Job 9/16.*

**Equipment** – Glenn Melton

**Grand Prix** - Natalie Boyle and Marcy George

1. *Get your volunteer forms in and the quarter will go out in the beginning of October.*

## **Adjourn**

1. *Adjourn at 6:30.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Victoria Hauser, Secretary  
(notes by Allison May)*